

Forest Land-Pune and Ahmednagar

Diversion of 19.981 ha. Reserved Forest land in favour of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation for upgradation to two lane with paved shoulder/four lane configuration of Ahmednagar-Baramati-Phaltan section of National Highway no. 160, Kinetic Chowk Ahmednagar 0.000 km and ends at 93.800 km at Vasunde Phata in Taluka-Daund & Shrigonda, Dist. Pune & Ahmednagar in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra

Revenue and Forest Department

Government Order No.FLD-1921/C.R.34/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.

Date:-23.01.2024.

Reference:-

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/2/NC/II/I.D 12779/1063/20-21, dt.20.01.2021.
- 2) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-1921/CR-34/F-10, dt. 09.03.2021.
- 3) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, Letter F.No. FC-II / MH-144 / 2021-NGP / 7993, dt. 31.03.2021.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/ID-12779(20)/2453/2021-22, dt.17.02.2022.
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/ID-12779(NH)/1715/2022-23, dt.04.10.2022.
- 5) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter F.No.FC-II / MH-144 / 2021-NGP / 10452, dt. 15.10.2022.
- 6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Pune//ID-12779/(NH)/6/2022-23, dt.03.04.2023.
Letter No. Desk-17/S2/PID-48692/Pune/2022-23/2474, dt.21.11.2023.

Order:-

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for Diversion of 19.981 ha. Reserved Forest land for upgradation to two lane with paved shoulder/four lane configuration of Ahmednagar-Baramati-Phaltan section of National Highway no. 160, Kinetic Chowk Ahmednagar 0.000 km and ends at 93.800 km at Vasunde Phata in Taluka-Daund & Shrigonda, Dist. Pune & Ahmednagar in the State of Maharashtra.

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 19.981 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no.5 accorded 'Final approval' to diversion of 19.981 ha. Reserved Forest land in favour of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation for up gradation to two lane with paved shoulder/four lane configuration of Ahmednagar-Baramati-Phaltan section of National Highway no. 160, Kinetic Chowk Ahmednagar 0.000 km and ends at 93.800 km at Vasunde Phata in Taluka-Daund & Shrigonda, Dist. Pune & Ahmednagar in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 19.981 ha. consisting of Reserved Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., Pune.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 31.03.2021 and dated 15.10.2022 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Pune and Ahmednagar shall ensure about the construction of wildlife passages in the form of underpasses at least at every 500 meters in forest land for smooth movement of wildlife as well as in non-forest areas where there is a traditional/ seasonal route of wildlife movement before the actual handover the Forest land.
2. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The

Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune and Nashik shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.

3. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statuary duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur letters dated 31.03.2021 and dated 15.10.2022, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Conservator of Forests (T), Pune and Nashik shall report through the State Government to the Regional Officer (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Sr.No .	Particulars	Village	Taluka	District	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status	
1	upgradation to two lane with paved shoulder/four lane configuration of Ahmednagar-Baramati-Phaltan section of National Highway no. 160, Kinetic Chowk Ahmednagar 0.000 km and ends at 93.800 km	Sonwadi	Daund	Pune	0.151	Reserved forest	
2		Daund			1.639		
3		Lingali			3.704		
4		Mergalwadi			1.896		
5		Gopalwadi			7.320		
6		Jiregaon			1.579		
		(A) Total Forest Area in Pune Division			16.289		
1	Belwandi Bk.	Shrigonda	Ahmed-nagar	3.330	Reserved forest		
2					0.362		
	(B) Total Forest Area in Ahmednagar Division			3.692			
	Grand Total (A) + (B)				19.981		

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
5. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Collector, Pune & Ahmednagar.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Pune & Ahmednagar.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune & Nashik.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune & Ahmednagar.
11. Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., Pune.
12. Select File F-10.

I. Collector- Pune & Ahmednagar and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Pune & Ahmednagar are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. Executive Engineer MSRDC, Pune is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English

language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune & Nashik, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune & Ahmednagar.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.